OFFICE OF COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI) CONCERNING EARLY HEADSTART AND HEADSTART PROGRAMS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007

As part of its planning process, the Office of Community Services (OCS), Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR), is seeking through this RFI written comments regarding a planned Request for Proposals (RFP).

A sum of \$500,000 has been appropriated for fiscal year 2007 to increase the number of low-income children and families served through the Early Head Start and Head Start Programs.

For this array of services, OCS is seeking community comments which may address, but not limited to, the following:

- Prioritization of services;
- Long and short-term program objective and goals;
- Design and configuration of services;
- Target groups and geographical areas served;
- Determination of best practice;
- Achieving significant results in reaching program goals;
- Updating and improving service specifications and requirements;
- Social-economic outcomes and benefits:
- Performance-based contracting; and
- Contracting process.

If you have further questions, please call the Office of Community Services at (808) 586-8675 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except State holidays. Written response to this Request for Information should be addressed to Mr. Keith Yabusaki, OCS Procurement Officer, and sent to: 830 Punchbowl Street, Room 420, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813. Responses may also be e-mailed to Keith.Y.Yabusaki@hawaii.gov. The deadline for receipt of comments is June 20, 2006.

Participation in this RFI process is optional and is not required in order to respond to any subsequent procurement by OCS. Moreover, neither OCS nor any interested party responding to the RFI has any obligation under this RFI.